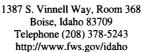


# United States Department of the Interior

#### IDAHO FISH AND WILDLIFE OFFICE





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Pamela Lowe Director Attention: Sue Sullivan Idaho Transportation Department P.O. Box 7129 Boise, Idaho 83707-1129

Subject:

Semi-annual Species List Update 912.0000 14420-2009-SL-0356

Dear Ms. Lowe:

The Idaho Fish and Wildlife Office of the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is providing you with an updated list of threatened, endangered, proposed, and candidate species that occur in Idaho. This letter updates species list 14420-2009-SL-0041, and provides you with a new number, 14420-2009-SL-0356. You should refer to the new number in subsequent correspondence and documentation. This letter and list are being provided to your agency via electronic mail.

The status of the gray wolf (*Canis lupus*) has recently changed under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (Act), as amended. In a decision published in the April 2, 2009, Federal Register, the Service established a distinct population segment (DPS) of the gray wolf in the Northern Rocky Mountains of the United States, and removed this DPS from the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife. The Northern Rocky Mountain gray wolf DPS encompasses the eastern one-third of Washington and Oregon, a small part of north-central Utah, and all of Montana, Idaho, and Wyoming. The Service has removed the entire Northern Rocky Mountain DPS, except Wyoming, from the federal list of threatened and endangered species. Effective May 4, 2009, the gray wolf is no longer protected under the Act in Idaho, and has been removed from all Idaho agency species list updates.

The Service is currently developing a web-based system for accessing species list information for Federal, state, and private entities. The Information, Planning, and Consultation System (IPAC System) is a tool for action agencies, their applicants, and other project proponents to use during the initial phases of project development and assessment. The IPAC System will allow users to obtain information on Service trust resources such as threatened and endangered species, critical habitat, refuges, migratory birds, and invasive species. The system will create project-



specific species lists that would meet the regulatory requirements for obtaining a species list from the Service under the Act. As the IPAC System is implemented, it will no longer be necessary for the Idaho Fish and Wildlife Office to provide semi-annual species list updates to our Federal agency partners. We will provide you with more information once we are closer to implementing this new system.

Information about Federal agency obligations under section 7 of the Act has been provided to you in the past. If you would like us to send you any of this information again or if you have questions, please contact Mark Robertson at (208) 378-5287. If you have questions regarding species under the National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries) jurisdiction, please call Nikki Leonard at (208) 378-5696. Additional information on the section 7 process is also available on the Idaho Fish and Wildlife Office website at <a href="http://www.fws.gov/idaho/agencies.htm">http://www.fws.gov/idaho/agencies.htm</a> (last accessed May 5, 2009). Thank you for your continued interest in the conservation of threatened and endangered species.

Sincerely,

Jeffery L. Foss, State Supervisor Idaho Fish and Wildlife Office

Enclosures (2)

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#### **U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**

#### Threatened, Endangered, Candidate and Delisted Species: Idaho



#### **MAMMALS**

Selkirk Mountain caribou (Rangifer tarandus caribou): Endangered

Grizzly bear (*Ursus arctos horribilis*) All areas except Yellowstone: Threatened Yellowstone population: Delisted

Northern Idaho ground squirrel (Spermophilus brunneus brunneus): Threatened

Canada lynx (*Lynx canadensis*): Threatened; Designated Critical Habitat

#### FISH

Kootenai River white sturgeon (*Acipenser transmontanus*): Endangered; Designated Critical Habitat

Bull trout (Salvelinus confluentus): Threatened coterminous listing; Designated Critical Habitat

Under NOAA Fisheries jurisdiction: Sockeye salmon (Oncorhynchus nerka): Endangered

Spring/Summer chinook salmon (Oncorhynchus tshawytscha): Threatened

Fall chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*): Threatened

Steelhead trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*): Threatened

#### **PLANTS**

MacFarlane's four-o'clock (*Mirabilis macfarlanei*): Threatened

Water howellia (Howellia aquatilis): Threatened

Ute ladies'- tresses (*Spiranthes diluvialis*): Threatened

Spalding's catchfly (Silene spaldingii): Threatened

#### **INVERTEBRATES**

Utah valvata snail (*Valvata utahensis*): Endangered

Snake River physa snail (*Haitia* (*Physa*) natricina): Endangered

Bliss Rapids snail (*Taylorconcha serpenticola*): Threatened

Banbury Springs lanx (Lanx sp.): endangered

Bruneau hot springsnail (*Pyrgulopsis bruneauensis*): Endangered

#### **BIRDS**

None listed currently in Idaho

DELISTED SPECIES	CANDIDATE SPECIES
Bald eagle (Haliaeetus leucocephalus)	Christ's paintbrush (Castilleja christii)
Idaho springsnail (Pyrgulopsis idahoensis)	Columbia spotted frog ( <i>Rana luteiventris</i> ) Great Basin population
Grizzly bear ( <i>Ursus arctos horribilis</i> ) Yellowstone population	Southern Idaho ground squirrel (Spermophilus brunneus endemicus)
Gray Wolf (Canis lupus) Northern Rocky Mtn Population	Yellow-billed cuckoo (Coccyzus americanus)
	Proposed Listing: Slickspot peppergrass (Lepidium papilliferum)